

IN THE UNITED STATES  
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**PATENT APPLICATION**

Inventors: HARUNA, Hirofumi; NAKAHARA, Hiroko;  
OHARA, Atsushi

Applicant: The Nisshin Oil Co. Group, Ltd.

International Application No.: PCT/JP2003/013840

International Filing Date: 29 October 2003

Priority Date Claimed: 31 October 2002

Atty. Doc.: Nisshin-1(FP2656US)

Title: FAT AND OIL COMPOSITION FOR SPREADS

Mail Stop PCT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

S I R:

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

The applicants respectfully request that the following references be considered in the examination of the above-identified application. A copy of each reference is enclosed. If any of these references were uncovered by an international or foreign search as part of a counterpart application filed by the applicants, then a copy of the search report is also enclosed.

**European Published Patent Application**

<u>Publication No.</u>	<u>Date Published</u>
AA. EP 0 831 711	December 22, 1999

DT09 Rec'd PCT/PTO 11 MAR 2005

## Japanese Published Patent Applications

AB. 2002-500601	January 8, 2002
AC. 11-169073	June 29, 1999
AD. 10-243793	September 14, 1998
AE. 10-165093	June 23, 1998
AF. 09-241672	September 16, 1997
AG. 09-224570	September 2, 1997
AH. 04-058892	February 25, 1992

## PCT Published Patent Application

<u>Publication No.</u>	<u>Date Published</u>
AI. WO 98/54061	December 3, 1998

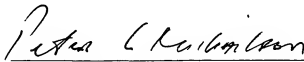
REMARKS

Reference AA is in the English language.  
English-language abstracts are submitted for  
References AC-AH. Reference AI is a PCT counterpart, in  
French, but with an English-language abstract of Reference  
AB (Japanese Application 2002-500601).

For the Examiner's convenience, the applicants  
have attached a completed modified form PTO/SB/08A hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

10 March 2005



Peter L. Michaelson, Attorney  
Reg. No. 30,090  
Customer No. 007265  
(732) 530-6671

10/527416

DT09 Rec'd PCT/PTO 11 MAR 2005

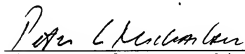
MICHAELSON & WALLACE  
Counselors at Law  
Parkway 109 Office Center  
328 Newman Springs Road  
P.O. Box 8489  
Red Bank, New Jersey 07701

**\*\*\*EXPRESS MAIL CERTIFICATION\*\*\***

"Express Mail" mailing label number: EL913825023US  
Date of deposit: 7 March 2005

I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to:

Mail Stop PCT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of person making certification

Peter L. MICHAELSON  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of person making certification

(NISSIN1DCST/ca:1)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449/PTO

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet	1	of	1
-------	---	----	---

**Complete if Known**

Application Number

Filing Date

First Named Inventor

HARUNA, Hirofumi et al.

---

**Art Unit**

Examiner Name \_\_\_\_\_

Nisshin-1(FP2656US)

## U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

[illegible]

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.†	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages Or Relevant Figures Appear	†
		Country Code*Number*Kind Code* (if known)				
ICP/	AA	BF 0 831 711	December 22, 1999			
	AB	JP 2002-500601	January 8, 2002			
	AC	JP 11-169073	June 25, 1999			
	AD	JP 10-243793	September 16, 1998			
	AE	JP 10-165093	June 23, 1998			
	AF	JP 09-241672	September 16, 1997			
	AG	JP 09-242870	September 3, 1997			
	AH	JP 04-058892	February 25, 1992			
	AI	WO 96/54061	December 3, 1996			
		and copy of International Search Report and English Abstracts for references AB-AH				

Examiner  
Signature

/Carolyn Paden/ (04/04/2008)

Date  
Considered

04/04/2008

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. \*Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). \*See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov) or MPEP 901.04. \*Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). \*For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. \*Kind of document by the appropriate symbol as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. \*Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language.

Transition is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20590-4000. Do not send any money or valuables in payment for this collection of information. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.

(NISSHIN1SB08A/ca:1)

ALL REFERENCES CONSIDERED EXCEPT WHERE LINED THROUGH. /CP/